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| **Community Futures Performance Results** | **2022-23** |
| ***Strong rural community strategic planning and implementation*** | |
| 1. Total number of community-based projects (new & on-going) | **26** |
| 2. Total number of local and regionally-based community strategic plans developed and/or updated | **23** |
| ***Rural access to business development services*** |  |
| 3. Total number of business training session participants | **164** |
| 4. Total number of business advisory services | **963** |
| ***Rural access to capital and leveraged capital*** |  |
| 5. Dollar value of loans | **2,541,353** |
| 6. Total number of loans | **34** |
| 7. Number of jobs created/maintained/expanded through lending[[1]](#footnote-1) | **113** |
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| Provide additional Information (e.g. Success stories, Links to priorities, leveraging work, communication events, etc…) |
| 2022-23 saw a fairly gradual uptick in business development activity. Our office was busy engaging in new programs, like SMARTStart, continuing to hone other programs like Lemonade Day and Shell LiveWIRE and hosted our inaugural Hyperdrive Women in Business Summit in March 2023 and reinvigorating our Workshop Wednesday series of training. We were thrilled to collaborate on the CGI Loans program, supporting 10 female owned businesses. We also continued to forge strong partnership in the community, providing Speaker Coordinator services once again to the Growing the North Conference, active involvement in Rotary, BNI, Business Support Network, the Chamber of Commerce and numerous other organizations and boards.  Demand for strategic planning and coaching was also up, with 5 new clients committing to strategic planning followed by monthly coaching and 7 organizations engaging Community Futures to facilitated community based planning sessions. We also continued to support municipal economic development departments in various ways from facilitating sessions to project collaboration and conference hosting.  Perhaps the most exciting of our collaborations is the evolution of our CF and GPRIN partnership with Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP) to develop the Centre for Entrepreneurial Excellence moved ahead, CF and the GPRIN (Alberta Innovates and municipally supported program) will effectively deliver services on campus to students, industry, entrepreneurs, innovators and the community and will be a vital part of growing the CEE to serve the needs of Northwest Alberta, and aspiring to be THE go to for entrepreneurs from all of the country and world. Part of that is the development of a virtual community that engages and provides ongoing peer and expert mentorship and support to our clients. |

1. Estimated at the time of lending [↑](#footnote-ref-1)